Inclusion of Cooch Behar District in NREG scheme

390. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from Government of West Bengal to include Cooch Behar district in the first phase of NREG Scheme; and

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Request had been received from Government of West Bengal for inclusion of Cooch Behar under NREGS. However, Government has decided to extend NREGA to all the remaining rural districts in the country including Union Territories with effect from 1.4.2008.

PMGSY in Almora District of Uttarakhand

+391. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dholadevi-Chil Motor Road, Maniagar-Khola Motor Road, Ati-Gauli-Dasili Motor Road, Petshal-Bamanswal Motor Road, Gurudabanj-Chani-Bamanswal and Cupcoat-Bamanswal Motor Road in district Almora (Uttarakhand) have been selected under Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana and have been sanctioned and got approval for construction by the Ministry of Forest;

(b) if so, when this approval has been given;

(c) whether the construction work on these roads has been taken up; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay and by when the construction work of these roads would be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The State Government of Uttarakhand has informed that (i) Maniagar-Khola, (ii) Chausal to Chil, (iii) Petsal-Bamanswal to Kapkot and (iv) ODR-08 (Gurudabanj) to Chami-Archoli Motor Roads have been sanctioned in October, 2006 under Phase-V of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The road mentioned as Dholadevi-Chil is sanctioned as Chaushala to Chit (Chil) Motor Road. For Cupcoat-Bamanswal Motor Road, the name of the sanctioned road is Petsal-Bamanswal to Kapkot. For Gurudabanj-Chami-Bamanswal, the name of the sanctioned road is ODR-08 (Gurudabanj) to Chami-Archoli Motor Road. Petsal is already connected by road as per Core Network, Bamanswal will be connected by Petsal-Bamanswal-Kapkot road. The tenders for these roads have been obtained. Ati-Gauli-Dasili Motor road has been proposed under PMGSY Phase-VI.

(c) and (d) the constructions work on these roads have not been taken up as the forest land for the roads mentioned at (ii), (iii) and (iv) above have been transferred in September, 2007. Forest land for the road mentioned in (i) above has not yet been transferred.

Non-utilisation of funds for rural development

392. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the States have failed to utilize the rural growth funds provided by the Centre;

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